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DANVILLE LANDSCAPES

**Danville Interchange Gardens
*and other landscape sites***

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Beautification Efforts Reap Big Rewards

The City of Danville Public Works Department was recognized for its Danville Interchange Gardens (DIG) program that beautifies the City and encourages civic pride by planting flower gardens that enhance the views of the Dan River, the beauty of the scenic byways, and the warmth of Danville's historic neighborhoods.

The following is a press release provided by Scenic Virginia after the awards program in October 2004.

The beauty that Virginians have always taken for granted is worth more than balm for the soul. It is a big money maker for the Commonwealth, bringing in major tourist dollars and tempering crime in urban areas. Scenic Virginia believes that individuals and organizations who go above and beyond to fight ill-planned growth, abate visual pollution, and preserve our beautiful vistas should be publicly rewarded.

The organization's Second Annual Scenic Awards program was held on Monday, October 18, 2004 at the historic Kent-Valentine House in Richmond. Awards were given in six major categories and they honored everything from the preservation of scenic viewsheds and water corridors to best anti-litter practices. Special attention was given to creative solutions, and a surprise Scenic Hero was honored.

As the sole statewide nonprofit dedicated to scenic conservation issues, Scenic Virginia is all too aware that the Commonwealth increasingly faces challenges that erode community character. Unfettered sprawl, litter, billboards, and ill-advised tree-trimming practices

damage otherwise beautiful landscapes. They also threaten Virginia's tourism economy, and dampen the spirits of its citizens.

Leighton Powell, Executive Director of Scenic Virginia, says that rewarding those entities that find creative, effective solutions to maintain and preserve the beauty of our Commonwealth should encourage others to follow suit. "We want our winners to know that their work is highly valued, and that they can serve as inspiration to other communities wanting to improve their appearance."

Among this year's winners are a litter clean-up effort including over 6,300 volunteers, a coalition formed to save a Blue Ridge Parkway vista from a high-density development, an innovative linear park that highlights a meandering stream through the center of a Shenandoah Valley town, and major scenic projects in economically impoverished towns with little history of beautification.

The Scenic Virginia organization selected the Danville Interchange Gardens (DIG) for the 2004 Most Creative Scenic Improvement Award. The DIG program is managed by the City of Danville Public Works Department.



Pictured above are representatives from Public Works receiving the Most Creative Scenic Improvement Award presented by the Scenic Virginia organization.

Left to right: Richard Drazenovich, Director of Public Works; Douglas Caudle, Landscape Crew Member; Benny Alford, Landscape Crew Supervisor; April Dailey, Public Works Horticulturist; two members of the Scenic Virginia organization.



From the City Manager . . .

FIRST IMPRESSIONS . . . You only have one opportunity to make a first impression. Like going on a job interview, the first impression our City gives to a perspective business or industry reflects on the perceived character of the City as a whole. That is why improving the beauty and natural splendor of Danville has become a top priority.

To enhance the bounty of wonderful assets like the Dan River, Millionaires Row, open spaces, and clean air, the City has embarked on an extensive beautification plan. For the last two years this beautification plan, spearheaded by the City's Public Works Department and City Beautiful Committee, has called for the planting of garden sites around the City.

Funding for the first of the tree planting projects came through the award of a \$10,000 State Urban Forestry Grant with additional funding coming from the Virginia Department of Transportation maintenance funds. Beautification efforts initially focused on planting trees at certain interchanges such as Piedmont Drive and Central Blvd.; Central Blvd. and Riverside Drive; Central Blvd. and West Main Street; and along the Riverfront Trail between Fall Creek and Brantley Dam.

Riverbank restoration and beautification has also taken place along the Dan River at Memorial Drive, along Pumpkin Creek, adjacent to the Riverfront Trail, and north of Union Street Bridge along the Dan River.

The Danville Interchange Gardens (DIG) Program was also started in the City with plans for numerous gardens at interchanges throughout town. Start up funding for the DIG Project came from a Carrington Trust Fund grant in the amount of \$25,000. The first interchange area landscaped was on the west loop of the interchange at Central Blvd. and West Main Street with the next improvement site across the way on the east loop of Central Blvd. at the same location.

In addition to these projects, the City Beautiful Committee and its volunteers have replanted and restored the flowerbed at Mt. Vernon Methodist Church, the flowerbed located at Howland Circle, and the flowerbed at the Public Library's front entrance on Patton Street. Entrances to Ballou Park and Dan Daniel Memorial Park have also been improved with new annual and perennial flowering plants and bushes.

Although it may not be directly associated with landscaping and beautification, the City has stepped up its litter pick up and pursuit of illegal dumping. The Public Works Department has implemented three full-time litter crews, utilizing inmates from the City's Adult Detention facility to provide the manpower necessary for these projects.

Beautification efforts may seem to be unimportant in a time when budgets are tight, but the maintenance, care, and beauty of our City speaks volumes to visitors about the pride we have in our community. The quick glance of a perspective business client while traveling down one of our highways or in one of our public buildings or schools will determine the irreversible "first impression" our City makes.

Through the City's new DIG Program the responsibility of making Danville a beautiful place to live and work can be shared with local businesses. By showing their pride and interest in their community, these businesses are setting an example for all of us to follow.

There are many factors of a City's demographics that are out of the control of the local government struggling to recruit new industries in a competitive global market. The impact of a sluggish economy, lack of airport service or the absence of an interstate highway exchange are all things that are beyond the control of City government alone, but the care that the City takes over its appearance is within its control.

All these things are extremely important because the beauty of a City is not just a matter of flowers and grass. It is also a reflection of the pride and prosperity of a community; much like a warm smile that is presented to a stranger. The image that Danville presents to a perspective industry or potential resident will have more influence than all the development incentives or salaries that can be offered.

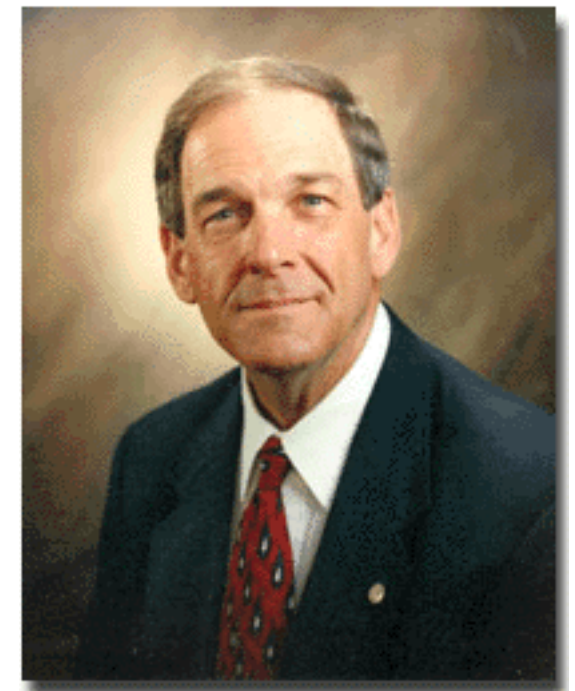

That is why it is so important that we all "work together" to bring out all the hidden qualities of our City, such as the magnificent views of the Dan River, the beauty of the scenic by-ways, and the warmth of our older, historic neighborhoods.

Sponsors of the DIG sites around the City include the Danville Regional Medical Health Care Center, Virginia Trane & Raywood Landscaping, Woodall Chevrolet, and Dewberry & Davis. A business can sponsor a garden for \$250 a month for 5 years. To sign up as a DIG garden sponsor please contact Rick Drazenovich 434-799-5245. Many future locations are available.

Even the little things count. By picking up that stray piece of paper or pulling a few weeds from a flower bed, remembering to use the trash cans or watering that flower pot right outside of your business, we can all take part. It is too big a job for just a few organizations.

For the City of Danville to achieve the attractive appearance that we want, it will take all of us working together for a common goal. I am confident we can do this because we have demonstrated that DANVILLE CAN attitude before. Remember that by working together DANVILLE CAN!

Thank you for your continued support,



Jerry L. Gwaltney

Reprint of the City Manager's article published in EVINCE, October 2002.

From the Register & Bee ...

Image is everything



Photos by Richard T. Davis/Register & Bee

From left, J.J. Vaden and April Daily, the Danville public works department's horticulturist supervisor, work at the flower beds Friday along Riverside Drive near the Heartline Restaurant.

The River City is putting a city beatification effort into action, including the new Danville Interchange Gardens projects.

By VICTOR REKLAITIS
Register & Bee staff writer

DANVILLE, Va. — More than a decade after tennis star Andre Agassi uttered the phrase "Image is everything" in an advertising campaign for Canon cameras, it may still be bouncing around in the heads of Danville officials.

Local leaders are currently coordinating a city beautification effort.

City Manager Jerry Gwaltney said such a push is important because "it sort of sets the overall pace for the image and direction of your city."

Parts of the plan include new

Danville Interchange Gardens — or DIGs, a crackdown on garbage left on curbs for days and a junkyard ordinance that took effect July 1.

Gwaltney said the beautification projects are intended to help the River City make a good first impression on visitors — especially businesses that are considering moving to the city. The projects are also intended to make residents proud of their hometown.

"We have to look like a good place to live, besides being a good place to live. I think we're making a lot of progress in that area," Public Works Director Rick Drazenovich said.

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Choosing just the right plant, site

By VICTOR REKLAITIS
Register & Bee staff writer

DANVILLE, Va. — The city of Danville's new horticulturist said she tries to plant drought-tolerant, hardy plants with a lot of color in Danville Interchange Gardens, or DIGs, and other land-

scaping sites.

"I try not to use anything that a local garden center doesn't carry, because we want it to work wherever we put it," said April Daily, who in January became the public works department's first-ever horticulturist supervisor.

Daily said the plants she uses include barberry, crape myrtle and holly bushes. She said she typically takes a photograph of a site that is scheduled to be landscaped and then uses a software program to generate an

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Central Boulevard



Riverside Drive



Central Boulevard



Westover Drive



4A Sunday, August 17, 2003

Image

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Three DIGs have taken root over the last three years, and four more should all be completed by the end of the year, according to April Daily, a horticulturist supervisor for the public works department.

The four newer DIGs are located on the Central Boulevard median near Sacred Heart Catholic Church, at the northeastern cloverleaf at the Riverside Drive and Central Boulevard interchange, and on two separate plots at the intersection of Piedmont Drive and Central Boulevard.

Dogwoods, day lilies and ornamental grasses dot the 2- and 3-year-old DIG sites in the two cloverleaves for the West Main Street and Central Boulevard interchange. Birch and cypress trees are some of the plants in the third older DIG, a 1-year-old garden in the southwest cloverleaf at the Riverside Drive and Central Boulevard interchange.

Drazenovich gave credit to local businesses and Danville's City Beautiful Committee for their support of DIG sites and other landscaping efforts. He asked more merchants to join in by sponsoring sites. Sponsors are allowed to display a small sign at their DIG, and they commit to pay \$250 per month for five years to cover the city's maintenance costs.

Danville officials are also hoping federal TEA-21 funds pour in for landscaping projects at two major interchanges. The city is applying for about \$400,000 made available through the 1998 Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, or TEA-21. The grant would pay for improvements at the intersection of U.S. 29 Business and the Danville Expressway



Photos by Richard T. Davis/Register & Bee

Alejandro Orozo, an employee for Lewis Nursery in Cascade, digs a hole in the median strip along Central Boulevard for an underground irrigation system.



A DIG project along Riverside Drive. The city is working to beautify its green areas, appealing to residents and travelers.

at the south end of the city and the intersection of U.S. 29 and U.S. 58, near the Institute for Advanced Learning & Research.

Local leaders said Virginia Transportation Secretary Whitt Clement encouraged them to apply for the grant partly because Danville serves as a "gateway to Virginia."

Drazenovich stressed the landscaping at the interchanges is just one part of the city's new focus on beautifica-

tion. He noted city employees or Danville Adult Detention Center work crews regularly collect litter, sweep streets, mow public property, paint over graffiti and collect garbage and yard waste.

He encouraged residents to contact the public works department with their concerns about litter or other problems.

"We will send someone over (and), as quickly as we can, get it picked up," Drazenovich said.

In recent months, residents have expressed disgust with neighbors leaving garbage or yard waste at the curb days before the scheduled pick-up date.

Drazenovich said city regulations stipulate that garbage or yard waste is to be left out only the night before a scheduled pick-up.

Public works employees have begun leaving notices on doorknobs for residents who are knowingly or unknowingly breaking the law.

In addition, notices are being mailed to about 50 junkyard operators after a law passed in May by city council took effect last month. The new ordinance requires every junkyard, defined as an establishment with five or more inoperative motor vehicles, to pay a yearly \$25 license fee and be screened by a fence or landscaping.

Drazenovich said some junkyard owners are not complying with the new law. He indicated the city hopes to change that by working with the owners, but declined to estimate when full compli-

DIG # — Sponsors & Locations

The first three Danville Interchange Gardens — or DIGs — took root during the last three years, and four more should be completed by the end of the year:

1 — RAYWOOD LANDSCAPE CENTER & VIRGINIA TRANE

■ West cloverleaf of Central Boulevard and West Main Street interchange

2 — DANVILLE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER & OTHER HALF NEEDS SPONSOR

■ East cloverleaf of Central Boulevard and West Main Street interchange

3 — STILL NEEDS SPONSOR

■ Southwest cloverleaf of Riverside Drive and Central Boulevard interchange

4 — DEWBERRY & DAVIS

■ A plot by the interchange of Piedmont Drive and Central Boulevard

5 — STILL NEEDS SPONSOR

■ Northeast cloverleaf of Riverside Drive and Central Boulevard interchange

6 — STILL NEEDS SPONSOR

■ The median along Central Boulevard by Sacred Heart Catholic Church

7 — STILL NEEDS SPONSOR

■ Another plot by the interchange of Piedmont Drive and Central Boulevard

For more information, call the city's public works department at (434) 799-5245.

Source: Danville public works department

Plant

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image of how the site will look when complete.

"I'm just the paper pusher on that. I've got a crew of guys that make it happen," she said with a smile.

Daily explained she plans and designs DIG sites, while private contractors or a public works crew managed by supervisor Benny Alford plants much of the greenery.

Before her current job, Daily, 31, was a landscape designer for Charlotte, N.C.-based Earth Graphics. She is a graduate of Hargrave Military Academy and studied horticulture at North Carolina State University.

She said her love of horticulture began when she was 17.

"I worked for a greenhouse one summer and found plants," she said.

Danville's move to hire a horticulturalist is not without precedent. Lynchburg has employed a city horticulturalist for at least 25 years, according to LuAnn Hunt, the Hill City's communications and marketing coordinator.

Martinsville does not directly employ a horticulturalist, but the city and Henry County are served by the Gateway Streetscape Foundation, said Matt Hankins, Martinsville's public information officer.

Danville Human Resources Director Andrea Witt said the public works department was able to hire Daily by converting a general supervisor opening into the horticulturalist supervisor position. Witt said the salary for the position is about \$37,000 per year.

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ance could be expected.

"We like to see compliance in a joint effort," he said.

For more information, call the public works department at (434) 799-5245.

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Letters to the Editor . . .

November 5, 2003

Danville on the grow

To the editor:

Danville's Wayside Garden Club wishes to commend the city of Danville and City Landscape Designer April Dailey for creating a number of appropriate and beautiful garden spots within our city.

Hillsides are being transformed from bleak, brushy, dreary areas to attractive, colorful, blooming scenic spots for all locals and visitors to Danville to enjoy.

Our main thoroughfares are now displaying lush flowers and handsome evergreens that serve to beautify our commercial and residential districts.

We take much pride in these horticultural projects and achievements, and we greatly appreciate the changes that help so much to make our city an inviting place.

JEAN CAROL H. VERNON,
president
Wayside Garden Club
Danville

July 27, 2003

Plantings look great!

To the editor:

I want to say a big thank you to the person who is responsible for the beautiful flowers being planted in the median strips on Danville's streets. They make a difference.

INEZ A. SAUNDERS
Danville

Danville Interchange Garden #1



Central Boulevard / West Main Street (West loop)

SPONSORSHIP

Co-sponsored by Raywood Landscape Center and Virginia Trane.

DESCRIPTION

The first Danville Interchange Garden (DIG) site is located on the western loop of the Central Boulevard / West Main Street interchange.

DESIGN & INSTALLATION

DIG site 1 was designed by Raywood Landscape Center. It was installed by the City of Danville, Public Works Department in the fall of 2000.



PLANT INVENTORY

80	Blue Pacific Juniper	30	Abelia Grandiflora
19	Wax Myrtle	12	Butterfly Bush
40	Indica Azalea	100	Narcissus Bulbs
5	Eastern Redbud	300	Daffodil Bulbs
5	White Dogwood	1,200	Perennials (Mixed)
5	Kousa Dogwood		
4	Japanese Zelkova		
15	Pennisetum 'Rubrum'		
32	Cotoneaster 'Coral Beauty'		
14	Crepe Myrtle 'Natchez'		
19	Japanese Viburnum		
20	Elaeagnus 'Fruitlandii'		
20	Pyracantha 'Mohave'		
20	Gold Thread Cypress		
30	Indian Hawthorn		
5	Washington Hawthorn		
20	Burning Bushes		
17	Andorra Compacta Juniper		
30	Harbor Dwarf Nandina		



Danville Interchange Garden #2



Central Boulevard / West Main Street (East loop)

SPONSORSHIP

Sponsored by Danville Regional Medical Center.
Co-sponsorship is available of the northern end.

DESCRIPTION

The second Danville Interchange Garden site is located on the eastern loop of the Central Boulevard / West Main Street interchange.

DESIGN & INSTALLATION

DIG site 2 was designed and installed by Haymore Garden Center & Landscaping of Danville in spring 2001.



PLANT INVENTORY

50	Sargent Juniper	5	White Kousa Dogwood	40	Sedum Autumn Joy	5	Sugar Maple
25	Dward Burfordii Holly	32	Rosy Glow Barberry	10	Purple Cone Flower	19	Chindo Viburnum
21	Gold Mop Cypress	13	Miscanthus Grass	15	Salvia 'May Night'	200	Narcissus Bulbs
5	Forest Pansy Red Bud	38	Black-eyed Susan	44	Dwarf Nandina	40	Blue Star Juniper
5	Purple Leaf Plum	20	Lobelia Cardinalis	22	Burning Bush		
5	Centennial Spirit Crape Myrtle						
11	'Natchez' Crape Myrtle						
125	Stella D'Oro Daylily						
51	'Little Richard' Abelia						
74	Limemound Spirea						
40	Coreopsis 'Moon Beam'						
24	Elaeagnus						



Danville Interchange Garden #3



Riverside Drive / Central Boulevard (Southwest loop)

SPONSORSHIP

Sponsored by American National Bank.

DESCRIPTION

The third Danville Interchange Garden (DIG) site is located on the southwestern loop of the Riverside Drive / Central Boulevard interchange.

DESIGN & INSTALLATION

DIG site 3 was designed by Haymore Landscaping & Garden Center and installed by Charles H. Coe Landscaping of Chatham, VA. Installation was completed in the summer of 2002. Additional plantings were installed by Public Works in spring 2003.



2004 plant additions:

- 92 Sea Green Juniper
- 4 Clethra
- 22 Helleri Holly
- 5 Otto Luyken Laurel



PLANT INVENTORY

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|--|-----------------------------------|
| 3 Crape Myrtles | 3 Burgundy Loropetalum |
| 1 River Birch | 6 Hamelyn Dwarf Grass |
| 3 Oakleaf Holly | 105 Stella D'oro Day Lilies |
| 5 Chrysanthemum | |
| 22 'Knock Out' Rose | |
| 23 Grey Owl Juniper | |
| 15 Sargent Junipers | |
| 3 Butterfly Bushes | |
| 5 Blue Mist Caryopteris | |
| 20 Dwarf Pygmy Barberry | |
| 50 Assorted Perennials | |
| 8 Nellie Stevens Hollies | |
| 9 Dwarf Fountain Grasses | |
| 12 Naylor's Blue Leyland Cypress | |
| 4 Prairie Fire Crabapple | |
| 3 Morning Lite Miscanthus | |



Danville Interchange Garden #4



Piedmont Drive / Central Boulevard (Southwest corner)

SPONSORSHIP

Sponsored by Dewberry.

DESCRIPTION

The fourth Danville Interchange Garden (DIG) is located at the southwestern intersection of Piedmont Drive and Central Boulevard (near the Piedmont Mall).

DESIGN & INSTALLATION

DIG site 4 was jointly designed by Dewberry and April Dailey, Public Works Horticulturist. Construction was completed in the summer/fall of 2003 by Raywood Landscaping of Danville.



PLANT INVENTORY

5 Autumn Gold Ginkgo
5 Pres. Washington Hawthorn
5 Deodora Cedar
75 Little Richard Abelia
40 Compact Burning Bush
45 Forsythia
70 Clethra 'Ruby Spice'
100 Coral Beauty Cotoneaster
90 Sea Green Juniper
50 'Knock Out' Shrub Rose
70 Dwarf Fountain Grass
70 Feather Reed Grass
75 Black-eyed Susan
7 Lemon Princess Spirea
3 Ed Goucher Abelia
8 Snow White Indian Hawthorn



12 Grey Owl Juniper	3 Golden Hinoki Cypress	1 Mugo Pine
5 Harbour Dwarf Nandina	10 Liriope	30 Carissa Holly
1 Cotoneaster	8 Ornamental Grasses	45 Gold Flame Spirea
3 Purple Cone Flower	15 Feather Reed Grass	15 Russian Sage
10 Ruby Loropetalum	3 Daylily	12 Autumn Joy Sedum

Danville Interchange Garden #5



Central Boulevard / Riverside Drive (Northeast loop)

SPONSORSHIP

Sponsored by DIMON, Inc.

DESCRIPTION

The fifth Danville Interchange Garden (DIG) is located at the northeastern loop off of Central Boulevard onto Riverside Drive.

DESIGN & INSTALLATION

DIG site 5 was designed by April Dailey, Public Works Horticulturist. Construction was installed by Raywood Landscaping in December 2003.



PLANT INVENTORY

- 3 Sycamore
- 3 Deodar Cedar
- 7 Yoshino Cryptomeria
- 5 Dwarf Crepe Myrtle 'Victor'
- 18 Indian Hawthorn
- 11 Sargent Juniper
- 22 Gold Mound Spirea
- 34 Ruby Loropetalum
- 63 Dwarf Burning Bush
- 11 Sea Green Juniper
- 63 Grey Owl Juniper
- 67 Gracillimus Maiden Grass
- 5 Variegated Maiden Grass
- 8 Dwarf Fountain Grass



- 61 Black-eyed Susan
- 150 Hyperion Daylily
- 110 Stella De Ora Daylily
- 59 Walker's Low Catmint
- 31 Autumn Joy Sedum
- 15 Purple Cone Flower
- 250 Daffodil Bulb Mix

Danville Interchange Garden #6



Central Boulevard / Riverside Drive (Northwest loop)

SPONSORSHIP

Sponsored by First Piedmont.

DESCRIPTION

The sixth Danville Interchange Garden (DIG) is located at the northwestern loop off of Central Boulevard onto Riverside Drive.

DESIGN & INSTALLATION

DIG site 6 was designed by April Dailey, Public Works Horticulturist. Construction was completed by Lewis Nursery in December 2004.



**Just completed in
December 2004**



PLANT INVENTORY

11	London Planetree
5	Krauter Vesuvius Plum
4	Fantasy Crepe Myrtle
25	Fragrant Osmanthus
50	Sargent Juniper
47	Knock Out Rose
31	Carissa Holly
17	Nellie R. Stevens Holly
40	Vanhout Spirea
40	Grey Owl Juniper
70	Gracillimus Maiden Grass
7	Dwarf Fountain Grass
40	Black-eyed Susan
225	Stella De Ora Daylily
5	Dianthus
40	Autumn Joy Sedum
3	Purple Cone Flower
90 flats	Purple Winter Creeper



Danville Interchange Garden #7



Riverside Drive / Piney Forest Road (Northwest corner)

SPONSORSHIP

Sponsored by Virginia Bank & Trust Co.

DESCRIPTION

The seventh Danville Interchange Garden (DIG) is located at the northwestern corner off of Piney Forest Road onto Riverside Drive.

DESIGN & INSTALLATION

DIG site #7 was designed by April Dailey, Public Works Horticulturist. Construction is underway and is scheduled to be completed in spring 2005.



Rights-of-Way and Center Medians

Riverside Drive from Locust Lane to Ingram Road

DESCRIPTION

In the mid 1980s, the City Beautiful Committee implemented a plan to plant Crape Myrtles and Bradford Pear trees in the center median of Riverside Drive (Route 58) between Locust Lane and Ingram Road. The concept has continued to expand westward on Riverside Drive to Church Avenue and eastward to Bypass 265.



PLANT INVENTORY

110 Bradford Pear Trees

114 Crape Myrtles

** Several trees were replaced in 2003 due to damage from an ice storm in February and Hurricane Isabel in September. Due to a tornado in August 2004, 14 Bradford Pears and three Crape Myrtles were damaged and replaced.*

Rights-of-Way and Center Medians

Central Boulevard median between GWHS & Sacred Heart



DESCRIPTION

This landscaped center median on Central Boulevard is located between George Washington High School and Sacred Heart School at the intersection of Christopher Lane. In 2004, smaller flower beds such as this were categorized and numbered. This Community Annual Bed is CAB #5.

DESIGN & INSTALLATION

The design was done by April Dailey, Public Works Horticulturist. Construction began with the flower bed (pictured left) and was later extended toward the Memorial Drive overpass in the late summer of 2003.

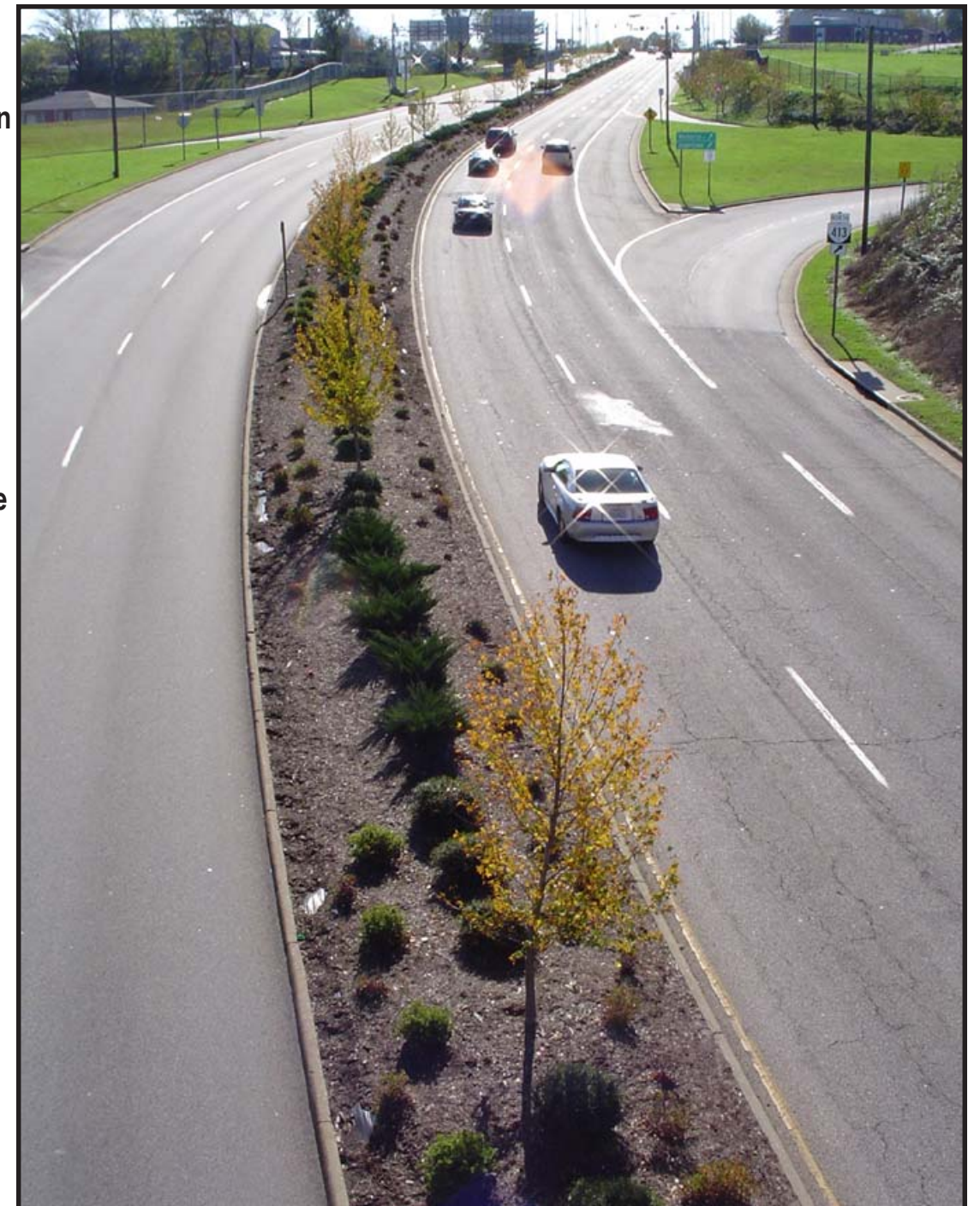
PLANT INVENTORY

FLOWER BED:

- New Gold Lantana
- Canna Lily 'President'
- Purple Fountain Grass
- Red Begonias
- Dwarf Yaupon Holly

EXTENSION:

- 280 Gold Mound Spirea
- 186 Harbour Dwarf Nandina
- 96 Dwarf Yaupon Holly
- 70 Sea Green Juniper
- 16 Worplesdon Sweetgum



Rights-of-Way and Center Medians

Exit Ramps / Sandy Court / South Main St / Memorial Dr



In 2004, several exit ramps were pruned, cleaned and mulched like the one pictured above which is located at Memorial & Central.

Pictured left, Sandy Court at the intersection of Piedmont Drive is planted with three Holly Trees and four Juniper masses.

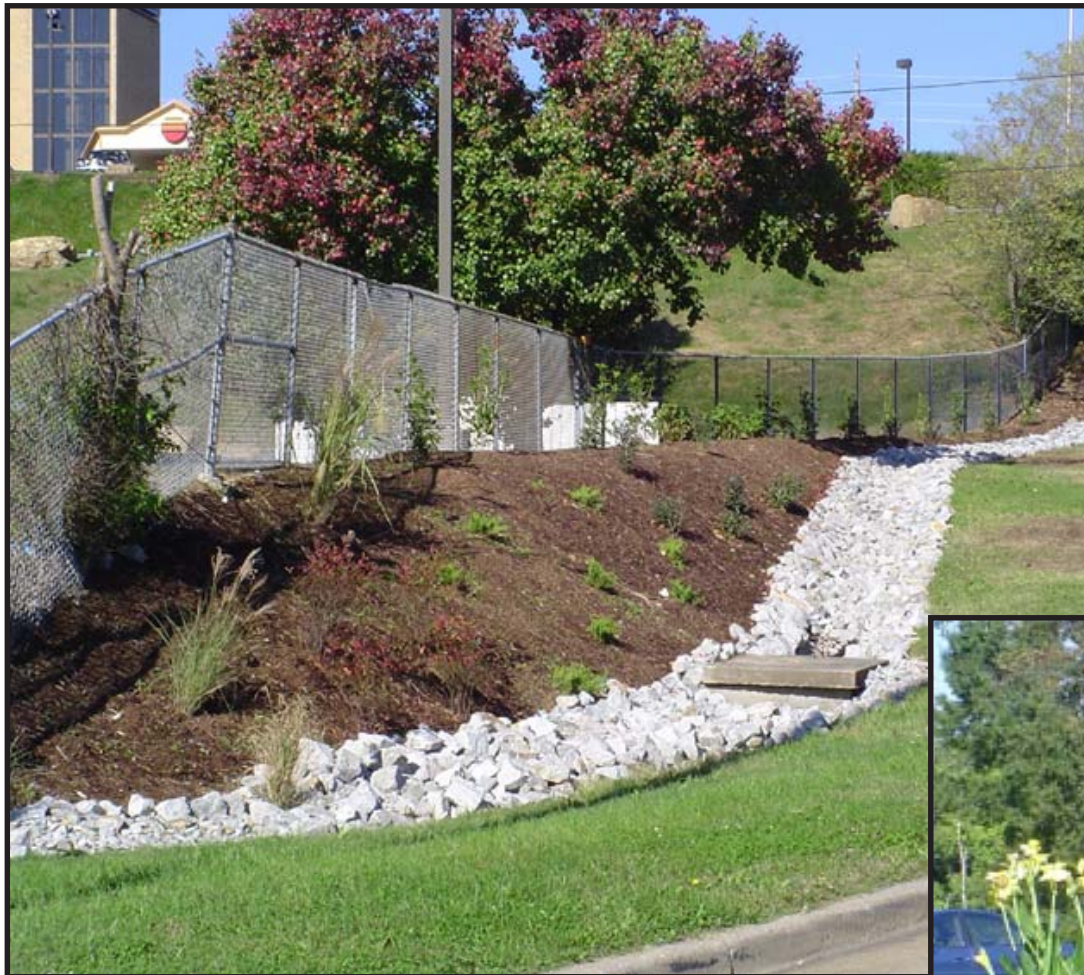


South Main Street's center median between Watson Street and Industrial Avenue, pictured above, is beautified with ten Crape Myrtles .

Memorial Drive's center median, pictured left, has a mix of 33 trees planted from the Financial Service Center (FSC) to Central Boulevard. The mix includes Purple Leaf Plum trees and Yoshino Cherry trees.

Rights-of-Way & Traffic Islands

Riverside Drive / Westover Drive / Bradley Road



The right-of-way pictured above is located along the exit ramp between Los Tres Restaurant and DIG 6. In 2004, the site was cleaned, mulched and plant material was installed along the fence line. Rip rap was continued up the hill in late 2004 to assist with stormwater run off as well as provide an aesthetically appealing view.

At the entrance to the Camp Grove Neighborhood on North Main Street, Bradley Road's intersection (pictured below) was redesigned and replanted in the spring of 2003. This traffic island is Community Annual Bed (CAB) #8.



The traffic island, pictured above, is Community Annual Bed (CAB) #3 and is located at Riverside Drive and Westover Drive. In 2003, perennials were added to the Crape Myrtles, Barberry Bushes, Nandinas and Hollies. Annuals are planted each year which creates a very attractive flower bed in a very busy part of town.

Traffic Islands

Intersection of Union Street Bridge Road & Riverside Drive

DESCRIPTION

This landscaped site is Community Annual Bed (CAB) # 1. It is located on Union Street Bridge Road (formerly Poplar Street) in a traffic island and on street right-of-way at the intersection of Riverside Drive and Arnett Boulevard.

DESIGN & INSTALLATION

The landscaping was initially designed and installed by Public Works in the spring of 1995 after the intersection underwent construction improvements. The department refurbished the site in May 2002. Maintenance continued in 2003 and 2004 with the addition of annuals and perennials.



CAB # 1

PLANT INVENTORY

R-O-W on Union St. Bridge Rd.:

- 23 Crimson Cloud Hawthorn
- 9 Japanese Zelkovas
- 3 Yoshino Cherry

TRAFFIC ISLAND:

- 14 Crape Myrtle
- 5 Japanese Zelkovas
- 2 Mulberry Trees

- 1 Yoshino Cherry Tree
- 1 Willow Oak Tree
- 1 Dogwood Tree
- 5 Dwarf Nandinas
- 6 Barberry Shrubs
- 12 Juniper Bush
- 8 Golden Creeping Euonymus
- 5 Crimson Pygmy Barberry
- 8 Little Richard Abelia
- 12 Stella D'Oro Daylily
- 20 President Canna Lilies

Traffic Islands

Intersection of Main Street, South Main Street, & West Main Street



This triangular island (Community Annual Bed #6) at the intersection of Main Street, West Main Street, and South Main Street, is in front of Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church. The City Beautiful Committee installed cobblestone and landscaping in the spring of 1995. Dwarf Yaupon Hollies are existing and the site is planted with annuals each year by City Beautiful volunteers. This year, additional plantings have been added for year round beautification.

CAB # 6

Traffic Islands

Dyerwood Place / Arnett Boulevard / Howeland Circle



The traffic island pictured below is Community Annual Bed (CAB) #11. It is located on Dyerwood Place in Southwyck Farms. Indian Hawthornes, Harbour Dwarf Nandinas, Liriope, and annuals were added to an existing Japanese Maple tree in the summer of 2003.



The traffic median, pictured left, is Community Annual Bed (CAB) #2. It is located at the intersection of Arnett Boulevard and Riverside Drive, was beautified in the summer of 2003 with a Nellie Stevens Holly, Dwarf Yaupon Hollies, 'President' Canna Lilies, and annuals.

The traffic island, pictured right, is located at Howeland Circle and West Main Street. It is maintained by City Beautiful volunteers.



Welcome Signs & Historic Signs

North / South / East / West & Central / West Main Street



Victorian Welcome Sign on 58 West.

In the mid 1960s, the City and Chamber of Commerce erected the Civic Welcome Signs at each entranceway into Danville. These locations included 29 north, 29 south, 58 east, and 58 west. The Victorian Welcome Signs (or Gateway Signs) were constructed and erected in 1995 by the City Beautiful Committee. These locations included 29 south, 58 east, 58 west, and 86 south. Plans are underway to change the Civic Welcome Signs to a different design and to relocate them due to annexation.



Civic Welcome Sign on 29 North.

CAB # 12



In 2004, three Historic Downtown signs were erected and landscaped. The signs read "Virginia Main Street - Visit Downtown". Pictured above is Community Annual Bed (CAB) # 12 located on Central Boulevard's southbound median. Another sign is located on the northbound median on Central Boulevard (CAB #13) and a third is at the traffic island of West Main Street and Memorial Drive (CAB #14). A fourth sign will be placed at the North Main Street / Martin Luther King Bridge intersection in 2005.

Economic Development Sites

Airside Industrial Park / Cyber Park



Entrance to Airside Industrial Park located on 58 East.



Public Works installed landscaping at a City-owned facility in Airside Industrial Park in the summer of 2003.

The Cyber Park entrance leading to The Institute for Advanced Learning and Research is still under construction. IALR was completed in 2004.

Landscape Planters

Main Street / Union Street / Courthouse

In 2002, planters were placed along Main Street and Union Street by volunteers from the City Beautiful Committee. The containers are updated each year with various foliage and flowering plants. The downtown planters are Community Annual Beds (CAB) No. 10.



CAB # 10



The City's Courts & Jails building, located on Patton Street, is flanked with planters of Dwarf Alberta Spruce.

City Property

City Municipal Building & Parking Area

The City Municipal Building's front entrance is adorned with majestic cedars and simple curves on the lawn.



The Public Works Department constructed an additional parking area for the Municipal Building and Courts Building in the spring of 2002 and now maintains the flower beds with pruning and mulching.



City Hall's second floor entrance features beautiful annuals each year and is Community Annual Bed (CAB) No. 7.

City Property

Public Library / Ballou Park / DDMP Entrances



Danville Public Library on Patton Street was jointly landscaped by the City Beautiful Committee. Family Lawn Care and Heath Landscaping provided the design and construction of flower beds in 2002.



CAB # 9

Dan Daniel Memorial Park's former gate entrance was transformed into a raised flower bed by Public Works Landscaping Crew in 2003 with perennials. Annuals are added each year. This site is Community Annual Bed No. 9.



Ballou Park's entrances on West Main Street and Park Avenue are both flanked with beautiful flower beds. They are maintained by the City Beautiful Committee.

Area Businesses

Wyatt Buick / Wendy's / DLSC / Roman Eagle



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Danville Life Saving Crew completed its building and added beautiful landscaping in 2004.



Roman Eagle Nursing Home on North Main Street.



Wyatt Buick on Riverside Drive updates its entrances each spring and fall, which includes a City Bus Stop.



Wendy's Restaurant on Riverside Drive.

Area Businesses

DRMC / Foster Insurance / KFC



Danville Regional Medical Center
located on South Main Street.

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Foster Insurance located
on Deer Run Road.



Kentucky Fried Chicken located on Piney Forest Road.

Area Businesses

Rock-Ola Cafe / Stratford Inn / Riverside Centre

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Rock-Ola Cafe on Piedmont Drive.



Stratford Inn
on Riverside Drive.



Riverside Shopping Centre located
on Riverside Drive.

Area Businesses

Furniture Depot / First Heritage Mortgage / Jiffy Lube

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Furniture Depot located on Lowes Drive.



First Heritage Mortgage located on Hwy. 58 East.



Jiffy Lube located on Piney Forest Road.

FUTURE DANVILLE LANDSCAPES

DANVILLE INTERCHANGE GARDENS (DIG)

Central Boulevard / West Main Street

Northwest Triangle

Northeast Triangle

Central Boulevard / Memorial Drive

George Washington High School

Langston Field

North Side

Central Boulevard / Piedmont Drive

East Loop Entrance

North Point

Northwest Loop

Riverside Drive / Piedmont Drive

Northwest Loop

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SITES

CITY OWNED PROPERTIES

WELCOME TO DANVILLE SIGN LOCATIONS

DANVILLE GATEWAYS TO VIRGINIA

COMMUNITY ANNUAL BEDS (CABS)

RIGHTS-OF-WAY / CENTER MEDIANS / TRAFFIC ISLANDS

Route 58 over Route 29 (Danville Expressway)

Beverly Stone (2 Traffic Islands)

Central Boulevard (Watson Street to Piney Forest Road)

Grove Park

Traffic Island at Dyerwood Place / Updike Place

Kentuck Road (Route 729) Center Median

Main Street

Memorial Drive

R-O-W from Primrose Place to Park Avenue

Field near Water Plant

Cloverleafs at Central Boulevard

North Main Street / 360 Traffic Island

Piedmont Drive

Center Median at Central Boulevard

Center Median between Riverside Drive & Executive Drive

South Main Street

Northbound R-O-W between Kemper Road & Industrial Avenue

New road at Southwyck Plaza

West Main Street

Northbound R-O-W

Traffic Island at Memorial Drive

Route 29 Interchange at NC State Line

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